

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 153

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Sergeant Gary L. Thompson on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Gary L. Thompson is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for thirty-seven years with the Metropolitan Nashville Davidson County Police Department; thirty-three of those years have been spent with that Police Department's Canine Unit; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Thompson is taking a much deserved retirement and will be celebrating that retirement with his colleagues at a luncheon on April 12, 2007; and

WHEREAS, during his exemplary tenure with the Metropolitan Nashville Davidson County Police Department's Canine Unit, Sergeant Thompson has served with acumen and alacrity in handling explosives-detecting dogs and training both bomb-detecting and, more recently, narcotic-detecting dogs; he is renowned for having trained every bomb-detecting dog that has ever served in the Metro Nashville Police Department's Canine Unit; and

WHEREAS, his professional talents, training tactics, and guidance have been utilized by law enforcement agencies throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, in an increasingly security-conscious society, the astute Sergeant Thompson has supervised hundreds of events in Middle Tennessee and has been responsible for implementing bomb sweeps at numerous events, such as the Titans' games and the CMA Awards show, and during the election in Iraq; the State Department once called upon him to execute explosive sweeps in Italy during a mid-seventies crisis in that country; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Gary Thompson's remarkable success as a public servant and police officer is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and

common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people and canines from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, he has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and superiors alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Sergeant Gary L. Thompson our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors, as we pay tribute to his exemplary career with the Metropolitan Nashville Davidson County Police Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.